

Appn No. 09/575,110
Amdt. Dated October 7, 2003
Reply to Office action of July 7, 2003

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COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Examiner's rejection of claim 1 is noted, but respectfully traversed.

Examiner has suggested that it would be obvious to combine the teachings of Harrington with the disclosure of Silverbrook to anticipate the present invention. Applicant submits that combining the two citations is entirely inappropriate, since they are directed to entirely different forms of printing. Moreover, even if one attempted to combine their teachings, the result of any such combination would clearly not be the present invention as claimed.

To begin with, the Silverbrook reference is concerned with compositing a bilevel image plane with one or more contone image planes, to provide multiple high-resolution bilevel channels.

Harrington, in contrast, is explicitly and exclusively concerned with the provision of greyscale output (see, for example, abstract). Indeed, it is the problems that arise when compositing two greyscale planes (illustrated in Figures 1 to 3) that Harrington seeks to overcome. The method disclosed in Harrington involves using various masking and averaging techniques to avoid banding where anti-aliased edges overlap. It is therefore cannot be applied to the Silverbrook citation in any meaningful manner, since the two systems work with different data input types (contone + bilevel for Silverbrook, contone only for Harrington) to produce opposite data output types (contone for Harrington and high-resolution bilevel output for Silverbrook). The two citations teach squarely away from each other on all points, and cannot possibly be combined in any meaningful way to result in the present invention as defined in claim 1.

Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to remove the objection to claim 1.

Further consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir

United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/575,110
Inventors/Assignors: **SIMON ROBERT WALMSLEY**
Assignee: **SILVERBROOK RESEARCH PTY LTD**
Title: **"Print Engine/Controller with Color Mask"**
Our Ref: **PEC03US**

The status of the above application has changed from "Small Entity" to "Large Entity".

Please update your records accordingly.

Yours faithfully


Simon Robert Walmsley

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Exhibit LFN-2

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Twyler Lamb whose telephone number is 703 - 308-8823. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L Coles can be reached on 703-308-4712. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-6036 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Twyler Lamb



June 29, 2003

COPY**Pascale Hair**

From: Lamb, Twyler [Twyler.Lamb@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Saturday, 6 March 2004 2:11 AM
To: pascale.hair@silverbrookresearch.com
Subject: RE: USSN 09/575,109, USSN 09/575,120 AND USSN 09/575,110 - Our Ref: PEC02US, PP16US and PEC03US

The correct fax number for regular communication is 703/872-9306.
None of the responses referenced in your email are showing to have been received by the PTO.
A call was placed to you to find out the status of the files and I received no response, so the files were abandoned.

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-----Original Message-----

From: pascale.hair@silverbrookresearch.com
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Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 8:12 PM
To: Lamb, Twyler
Subject: FW: USSN 09/575,109, USSN 09/575,120 AND USSN 09/575,110 - Our
Ref: PEC02US, PP16US and PEC03US

Dear Examiner Marie Twyler Lamb,

I refer to the above applications which have all been abandoned.

1. PEC02US (USSN 09/575,109) was abandoned for our failure to send a response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003.
2. PP16US (USSN 09/575,120) was abandoned for our failure to send a response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003.
3. PEC03US (USSN 09/575,110) was abandoned for our failure to send a response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003.

However, for each of these applications we sent a facsimile responding to each Office Action on the following dates:

1. PEC02US: Oct. 7, 2003
2. PP16US: Sept. 25, 2003
3. PEC03US: Oct. 7, 2003

All responses were sent to this facsimile number : 703 746 6036 and got through with a positive Facsimile report (which will be sent to you with our requests to withdraw the Abandonments).

However, we are concerned that this facsimile number may be incorrect or may not be functioning the way it should and we are unsure as to which facsimile number our requests to withdraw the abandonments should be sent/faxed to.

Please kindly let us know what the correct facsimile number ought to be.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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